

## AT THE SOUTH

MESSAGE FROM DR. MAWSON

PARTY ALL WELL

CONTINUOUS HURRICANES BLOW  
DOWN WIRELESS MAST.

SYDNEY, August 6.

For over a month no message has been received from Dr. Douglas Mawson and his party, who are wintering at Commonwealth Bay in King George's Land. This fact caused Professor David to fear that the wireless mast had failed to stand the terrific hurricanes that prevail on that part of the Antarctic coast. That that was actually the case was proved by a message which Mr. Eitel, secretary of the expedition, received. It stated that the party at Dr. Mawson's base had managed to repair the damage. "They have abandoned the single mast or umbrella system, and now rely upon a main mast 90 ft. high and another 45 ft. high. Apparently this is capable of doing the work required, as there was not the least mutilation in the message which has come to hand.

The message received by Mr. Eitel reads as follows:—

ADELIE LAND, August 4.

The two top lengths of wireless mast were blown down by continuous hurricanes on June 8. We have so far experienced even less calm weather than last year, so that the work of reconstruction has been very slow. We have now a topmast system, consisting of a main mast 90 ft. high, held in position with 18 stays and a 45 ft. southern mast. We experienced today the first calm weather since July 28, when we had four hours' spell. All members of the party are well and in good spirits.

(Signed) MAWSON.

### Chamber Music Concert.

An interesting chamber music concert was given at the Elder Conservatorium last night. The performers included Mr. I. G. Riemann (piano), Mr. H. Heinicke (violin), Miss Hilda Reimann (violin), Miss Sylvia Whittington (viola), Mr. Fritz Homburg (violin), and Mr. Francis Halls (vocalist). The piano and strings "Quartet in E, major Op. 6," by Hermann Goetz, was the finest work of its kind heard here for some time. The four movements are well contrasted and strikingly original. The second movement, theme and variations, which is scored, in opening, for strings alone, is of great beauty and extreme difficulty. The last movement is a mass of intricate modulation in which the players paid strict attention to elaborate detail. The Saint Saens Quartet in B flat, for piano and strings, was characteristically thematic. Here again, the second movement deserved special mention. The opening for strings in chorale style, taken immediately after by the piano, was delightfully played. The tonal shading was all that could be wished, especially at the end of the work, where pianissimo effects were constantly heard. For string quartet, Haydn's "Variations on the Austrian National Anthem" (the slow movement of the Quartet in C) was played by Mr. Heinicke (violin), Miss Reimann (violin), Miss Whittington (viola), and Mr. Homburg (cello). Mr. Francis Halls' numbers were a Handel recitative and air with a range of two octaves from F below the bass; Gonnod's exquisite arrangement of "Maid of Athens," and Hatton's "Fair is my love," a list well within the capabilities of the singer's well-rounded bass voice.

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### DR. MAWSON'S EXPEDITION

SUPPLY VESSEL DELAYED BY  
ROUGH WEATHER.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), August 7

Supplies for that portion of Dr. Mawson's expedition which is stationed at MacQuarie Island are on board the schooner Rachel Cohen, which was reported missing. The Rachel Cohen put into Halfmoon Bay, Stewart Island, yesterday. She reported "all well." She was delayed by rough weather after leaving Wellington. The vessel left later for MacQuarie Island.

### QUEEN MARY LAND.

MELBOURNE, August 7.

The Governor-General (Lord Denham) this morning received a radio-telegram message from Dr. Mawson, leader of the Australian Antarctic expedition, at Adelie Land, advising that wireless communication has now been restored. Dr. Mawson added that the expedition felt much honored to learn that her Majesty the Queen had been graciously pleased to consent to the territory discovered by the western party of the expedition under Mr. Frank Wild being named Queen Mary Land.

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### UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS.

A statute relating to the Bunday prize for English verse, and regulations regarding the diploma of forestry, which have been made by the Council of the Adelaide University and approved by the Senate, were allowed in Executive Council on Thursday.

## THE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.

### RADICAL REFORMS PROPOSED.

Melbourne, August 8.

The Melbourne University is on the brink of almost revolutionary reforms devised by a committee which has been sitting almost weekly since April last. Within the next month a report will be presented to the Government, through the University Council, which will contain recommendations that, if adopted only in part, must reconstitute the university in such a way as to make it almost, though not quite, a free university, governed by a democratic council and senate in touch with all the great associations and bodies connected with the professions, trade and commerce, scientific learning, and State education. The following may be taken to represent the effect of some of the more important of the recommendations:—

That the composition of the council and senate be radically altered so as to enlarge the first and include within it representatives of non-academic bodies such as the chambers of manufactures, commerce, mines, and agriculture. The senate to be given a better defined position and to include women.

That the chief executive and governing officer of the University be a permanent official of high administrative attainments and wide university experience, who shall occupy a position analogous to that of the president of an American or "principal" of a Scotch university.

That the proposal that the University be made an absolutely feeless and free University (as is the case with the new Western Australian University) be rejected, but that a system of free scholarships, associated with the State and denominational elementary and secondary schools be so expanded that for practical purposes the University will become free for hundreds of students each year.

Other matters to which the committee has given attention includes the question of buildings and increased Government grants and recommendations on these subjects will be made.

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### "NOT WORTH HIS SALT."

A prominent public officer was severely attacked in the Legislative Council on Tuesday. This was the Director of Agriculture (Professor Lowrie), and his critic was the Hon. J. P. Wilson, who was a member of the Verran Cabinet that induced him to return to South Australia at a high salary to reorganize the Rural Department. As Minister for Agriculture Mr. Wilson was brought closely into contact with Professor Lowrie, and for that reason his remarks won more attention than might otherwise have been the case. The Socialist began by referring to the recommendation of the Education Commission that there should be a Chair of Agriculture at the Adelaide University. He urged the Government to appoint Professor Lowrie to the position. "It is a position for which he is well suited," remarked Mr. Wilson, "Professor Lowrie would very well adorn the chair, and his egotism and jealousy would there not accord the same degree of injury which they are creating to-day. To my mind the sooner the Director of Agriculture gives up endeavouring to run the Agricultural Department on commercial lines the better." Mr. Wilson went on to refer to the number of "discouraged" valuable officers that had been lost to South Australia, and continued:—"I want to declare most emphatically that Professor Lowrie has been a failure." He said the previous reputation and popularity of the professor influenced the Verran Government to make the appointment, but instead of a policy of expansion there had been a shrinkage. The relationship between the Director and his officers was not what it should be. He again urged the Government to establish a Chair of Agriculture at the University, and to put Professor Lowrie into it. "You don't want to burst up the University, do you?" interjected the Chief Secretary (Hon. J. G. Bice). As a lecturer, said Mr. Wilson, Professor Lowrie was excellent, but as an organizer he was not worth his salt. A full report of the speech appears in the Hansard columns.

The following letter, dated June 26, has been received from Professor Schulz-Dornburg, the teacher of Miss Clara Serena Kleinschmidt, who is studying operatic art at Cologne:—"Miss Clara Serena Kleinschmidt, from Adelaide, now at Cologne, has studied with me since the beginning of May in order to further her operatic art. Possessing an unusual contralto voice, with a timbre of its own, she has after only a few weeks study, by the use of her natural sense, succeeded in so regulating her tones that she is now able to sing the higher ones with perfect ease and to develop the biggest crescendos. With her excellent musical preparation and her great talent for acting, Miss Kleinschmidt may hope to attain the very highest place, and also, if the opportunity is afforded later on, to fulfil all the duties that the calling of the opera commands."

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